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TAGS: CASC, AR (WILKIE, DAVID BLAINE JR.)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EXECUTIVE

1. EMBASSY INFORMED LATE AFTERNOON OCT 25 OF KIDNAPPING DAVID BLAINE WILKIE JR. PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER AMOCO ARGENTINA A SUBSIDIARY OF AMOCO INTERNATIONAL OIL CO OF CHICAGO.

2. WILKIE KIDNAPPED TUESDAY MORNING OCT 23 NEAR HOME IN SUBURBAN OLIVOS AREA WHILE ENROUTE TO OFFICE. HOWEVER LOCAL COMPANY OFFICIALS HAD BEEN KEEPING MATTER UNDER WRAPS UNTIL PRESS OBTAINED REPORT THURSDAY. STORY APPEARS IN LOCAL PRESS THIS MORNING.

3. ACCORDING TO STORY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE BUENOS AIRES HERALD 3 VEHICLES WERE INVOLVED IN KIDNAPPING AND KIDNAPPERS, WHO NOT YET IDENTIFIED, HAVE ALLEGEDLY STATE HE WILL BE RELEASED UNHARMED UPON PAYMENT EQUIVALENT ONE MILLION DOLLARS RANSOM.

4. EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH POLICE AND COMPANY OFFICIAL CHARLES BIET. BIET ADVISED COMPANY HANDLING IN ACCORD PRE CONCEIVED PLAN AND HE WILL CONTACT EMBASSY SHOULD OUR ASSISTANCE BE DESIRED.

5. WILKIE IS BEARER US PASSPORT Z 1533 402 ISSUED APRIL 28, 1972 AND RESIDES IN ARGENTINA WITH AMCIT WIFE EMMA AND 5 CHILDREN.

6. DEPARTMENT WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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